



California Fishing Passport Shellfish Awards and Recognition

For most people, the word "fishing" conjures up the image of an angler with a rod and reel, but California is also home to many species of freshwater and saltwater shellfish. To fully experience all the state has to offer the sport fisherman, you'll need to put down your rod and reel and grab your clam fork or shovel, crayfish trap, hoop net, or dive bag.



California Fishing Passport Shellfish Awards

Three different levels of achievement are available for shellfish:

- California Fishing Passport **Shellfish Specialist**
Catch at least 3 different qualifying shellfish.
- California Fishing Passport **Shellfish Expert**
Catch at least 7 different qualifying shellfish.
- **California Shellfish Master**
Catch at least 15 different qualifying shellfish.

Which shellfish qualify?

- Any species from the Ocean Shellfish section of the California Fishing Passport
- Any species from the Inland Shellfish section of the California Fishing Passport

Specifically:

- Red swamp crayfish
- Signal crayfish
- California spiny lobster
- Gaper clam
- Pacific littleneck clam
- Pismo clam
- Pacific razor clam
- Nuttall cockle
- California mussel
- Giant rock scallop
- Dungeness crab
- Red rock crab
- Red abalone (taken prior to 2018)
- Red sea urchin
- Humboldt squid
- Market squid

Only species listed in the California Fishing Passport as defined above and caught in California during 2006 or afterwards qualify for Shellfish awards.

What California Fishing Passport awards will I receive?

- California Fishing Passport **Shellfish Specialist**
 - Shellfish Specialist award pin
 - Certificate of Recognition suitable for framing
- California Fishing Passport **Shellfish Expert**
 - Shellfish Expert award pin
 - Certificate of Recognition suitable for framing

- **California Shellfish Master**
 - California Shellfish Master pin
 - Certificate of Recognition suitable for framing
 - CDFW Director's Letter of Congratulations

How to apply for recognition:

1. Get your Passport book stamped at one of our offices or an independent stamping agent. Each qualifying species must be fully documented and stamped in your California Fishing Passport. If you have trouble finding an agent, call us at (707) 964-5026.
2. Make clear photocopies of your passport showing all the stamps earned towards your current level of achievement
3. Complete and sign a California Fishing Passport Angler Award application.
4. Send the photocopies and the application to CDFW at:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
California Fishing Passport Program
32330 N. Harbor Drive
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

What is the ultimate level of achievement?

Become a **California Supreme Master Angler** by earning two or more of the following:

- California Master Warmwater Angler status
- California Master Coldwater Angler status
- California Master Ocean Angler status
- California Shellfish Master status

Visit the California Fishing Passport awards web page at <http://tinyurl.com/suprememaster> for more information about achieving California Supreme Master Angler status.

Questions? E-mail passport@wildlife.ca.gov or call us at (707) 964-5026.

All decisions of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife are final.

Visit the California Fishing Passport website at www.wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Passport